

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listing of claims in the application.

LISTING OF CLAIMS

1-5 (Cancelled)

6. (Currently Amended) A network device for generating print data in accordance with information resources received from outside, and sending said print data to a printer;
characterized in that print related information necessary for generating said print data is
appropriately acquired from a prescribed location on the network at a prescribed time;
said print data is generated by using said acquired print related information, and sent to
said printer; and~~according to Claim 1,~~

characterized in that said print related information is classified under at least two groups in accordance with the priority of acquisition thereof.

7. (Original) A network device according to Claim 6,
characterized in that the print related information classified under a high-priority installation group comprises at least either a color conversion table, printer driver program, basic font data or basic font renderer program.

8. (Original) A network device according to Claim 6,
characterized in that the print related information classified under a low-priority installation group comprises at least either a program for interpreting a format of said information resources to be received, font data of the font which is included in said information resources or the font renderer program of said font.

9. (Original) A network device according to Claim 6,

characterized in that said network device, concerning a memory area for storing print related information, classifies and manages the storage area for each of said groups.

10. (Original) A network device according to Claim 6,
characterized in that said network device, concerning print related information under a low-priority installation group, appropriately deletes the print related information at a prescribed time.

11. (Currently Amended) A network device according to Claim ~~4~~6,
characterized in that said network device, upon acquiring print related information, accesses a server providing location information of the print related information, and inquires for the location information on the network of the print related information.

12. (Currently Amended) A network device according to Claim ~~4~~6,
characterized in that said print related information is acquired in case that said print related information which has already been contained in said network device is judged to be different from said print related information which has been contained in a prescribed location on said network.

13. (Currently Amended) A network device according to Claim ~~4~~6,
characterized in that said print related information is acquired in case that said print related information which has already been contained in said network device is judged to be required to be replaced with said print related information which has been contained in a prescribed location on said network.

14. (Original) A network device according to Claim 12,
characterized in that said network device makes said judgement by itself.

15. (Original) A network device according to Claim 13,

characterized in that said network device makes said judgement by itself.

16. (Original) A network device according to Claim 12,
characterized in that said judgement is made at a prescribed location on said network.

17. (Original) A network device according to Claim 13,
characterized in that said judgement is made at a prescribed location on said network.

18. (Currently Amended) A network device according to Claim ~~16~~,
characterized in that the print related information acquired from a prescribed location
on said network is retained in said network device, and said print related information is held to
be available until it is deleted.

19. (Currently Amended) A network device according to Claim ~~16~~,
characterized in that if, upon acquiring said print related information from a prescribed
location on said network, said network device comprises preceding print related information
corresponding to said print related information which is acquired, said preceding print related
information is deleted.

20. (Currently Amended) A network device for generating print data in accordance with
information resources received from outside, and sending said print data to a printer;
characterized in that print related information necessary for generating said print data is
appropriately acquired from a prescribed location on the network at a prescribed time;
said print data is generated by using said acquired print related information, and sent to
said printer; and according to Claim 1,

characterized in that the print related information which is acquired from a prescribed
location on said network contains information concerning a prescribed location on said
network to be accessed upon the next acquisition of said print related information.

21-32 (Cancelled)

33. (Currently Amended) A printer generating print data in accordance with the information resources received from outside, and executing the printing;
_____ characterized in that the print related information necessary for generating said print data is appropriately acquired from a prescribed location on the network at a prescribed time;
_____ said print data is generated and printed by using said acquired print related information;
and according to Claim 21;
_____ characterized in that print related information which is acquired from a prescribed location on said network contains information concerning a prescribed location on said network to be accessed upon the next acquisition of said print related information.

34-36 (Cancelled)